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LB 218A, 736A

Amount of square feet on the whole campus at Kearney is about half of the actual square feet per student at the other institutions. There isn't any question about the justification and need for the project. Obviously, I would not disagree with those who comment that there are other areas of appropriations that also are not going to be funded, no matter what, some exemptions that probably aren't going to be passed, no matter what, because of the revenue problem. I only would point out that this does not take effect until '88-89, plus the fact that that year with a full 12 months of collections of the cigarette tax is used as the designated...as is required the designated revenue source, by that year, following the first year, the full 12 months, and there is estimated \$7 million collected as opposed to the first year which is about 4 1/2 or so, which obviously would have been more of a problem. So it seems to me that by waiting until '88-89 that that does not interfere at the same level had it been funded this year. I would hope you would advance the A bill. If you have problems with the substantive legislation, place those amendments there.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 218A to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 218A.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is advanced. LB 736A.

CLERK: LB 736A, Mr. President, is a bill introduced by Senator Scofield. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, 736A is the appropriations bill that accompanies 736, which you will recall was originally called the Small Business Partnership Act, which creates a network of small business development centers across the state, and also mandates cooperation among the various entities out there performing economic development activities. It includes within this amount the ability to move a center into Peru which is not currently there. You will recall, in the mainline appropriations bill, we take care of the centers at Scottsbluff and North Platte. In addition to that amount, there is also money in there for the Department of Economic Development to perform the necessary coordinating functions and